

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]; Germann, Sandy[Germann.Sandy@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Sat 9/12/2015 2:31:05 AM
Subject: Re: Latest tracker

I spoke to Sandy this afternoon. Sandy is going to update until noon tomorrow. She's also going to update for an hour Sunday morning. I have an intern who is skilled in using Sharepoint and Excel, but she's not available again until Tuesday. I'm going to try to fill in until then, myself. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 11, 2015, at 9:03 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Do we have a sandy replacement for sandy? Thanks ng

From: Germann, Sandy
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 6:45 PM
To: Gray, David; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Latest tracker

David, Nancy, here's the latest. I'll send a last one before I leave tomorrow at noon EST.

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Native Show
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We are having another show on Native America Calling about the Gold King mine spill. The show is on 9/18 at 1pm eastern. Can you please provide someone from the EPA to be on our show?

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an mbraine@nativeamericacalling.co
interview
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Jared
(Kelly
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is the
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Interview
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As the investigation moves forward about the Animas Spill, we'd like to book someone from the EPA for a conversation on our show in the future. We want to focus on a forward-looking conversation, like consideration of other mines, precautions the EPA is taking, how long you'll be monitoring/cleaning Animas. We've done a few stories about the Animas spill, including this conversation with the Stakeholders group, and therefore would love to touch on that as well. Grace Hood informed us about the meetings with the stakeholders that you had, and provided minutes from the meetings for. Anyway, do you think that we could get on your radar for the near future? DETAILS ON SHOW: We can go live or taped. It usually depends on the guest, and their comfort level. Live is always our preference. It would be between 10 - 20 minutes. It is just an interview with our host, Ryan Warner. The show is live at 10AM (Mountain), Monday - Thursday.

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David 9/10 kmaddox@cprmail
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I wanted to see if the EPA had any reaction to Rep. Bill Johnson's contention at today's House hearing that the EPA removed audio from its website video footage in which a worker at the mine says, "What do we do now?" Did the EPA remove the

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audio, and if so, can you tell me why?

Page 7 of the internal investigation
mentions a mine cave-in as a possible scenario
that could have contributed to blockage that reduced water flows, thus causing water to back-up in the mine. You should also review page 5 of the investigation, which mentions the rock giving way above the adit appeared to result in a spurt of water to flow from the mine.
And I do want to clarify Mathy did not say that a cave in "caused" the release. Our internal review did not make a finding of what "caused" the release.

(Re: the 9/9/15 hearing)..I thought the Democrats and Stanislaus did a pretty good job of putting the spill in perspective. I saw this Colorado Watchdog piece and talked to the mine owner myself today who reiterated the same notion -- that the testimony was incorrect on this particular count -- about the cave-in:

http://watchdog.org/237424/epa-hearing/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=watchdognews
Can you talk to me about it or point me in the direction of a response?

FOLLOW-UP: Do you happen to have a link to the investigation you reference?

FOLLOW-UP: can you or anyone at EPA provide me with a comment about the cave-in issue? Do you want to clarify that Stanislaus wasn't blaming the cave-in for the spill? I think it's fairly clear from my story that he didn't, but wanted to let you clarify it for my readers if you wish.

Follow-up
Albuquerque Michael up
2859/10/10 Dina Coleman from hearing
Some kind of comment on Hennis' allegation that this is misinformation from the EPA? Also, he told me the only people at EPA he's been able to talk to are workers at the site. That "all attempts to talk to anyone up the chain-of-command have been rebuffed." Is that true and do you know if it's standard operating procedure?

Laura following up with OSWER on last mcoleman@abqnm.org
RESPONSE:
Follow-up
Qs (in bold)

http://www2.epa.gov/releases-internal-report-gold-king-mine-response.
There is also a ton of great stuff under the "Gold King Mine Documents" section of the site, too.
http://www2.epa.gov/posts-gold-king-mine-file-documents.
FOLLOW-UP
RESPONSE: The agency's Internal

Review did not make a finding of what caused the release. That was made clear by Mr. Stanislaus when he appeared before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee on Sept. 9, 2015.
As Mr. Stanislaus has said, we are awaiting the results of the independent investigation from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the EPA Inspector General before determining the cause of the release. Agency staff in our Region 8 office have had several discussions with Mr. Hennis's legal counsel since Aug. 5.

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Colorado? Is this the Captain Jack
mining district or something else? 5--
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What area and what mines or mills are

Request for an on-camera interview with Jared to discuss the effect of the spill on Navajo Nation while they're in Farmington on Monday.
FOLLOW-UP: Below are a few questions we'd like to ask Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld. Ideally we'd like to do an on-camera interview with him on Monday, Sept. 14. We'll be in the Farmington, NM area on that day. If he's not in the area that day, we could possibly arrange for a camera crew to meet him and conduct the interview.
 -In your letter dated Sept 3 to President Begaye, you asked him about bringing your teams together for a meeting after Labor Day - has a meeting been planned?
 -Through your sampling program - the EPA has determined the San Juan River water quality has returned to pre-release conditions. How do you address the Navajo Nation farmers who refuse to believe the water is usable?
 -What are the EPA's next steps with respect to the San Juan River spill?
 -What's the status of the Gold King Mine?

- 1) How much had first four (listed under "work stopped") progressed? In other words, how far along were projects? (how much money spent? How much work done? etc) 2) **And am I correct in assuming that work has not yet begun on the ones that say "further assessment needed"?** 3) What area and what mines or mills are covered under Upper Tenmile Creek?, 4) -What area and what mines or mills are covered by "James Creek

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Attached is a letter
Regional
Administrator Jared
Blumenfeld sent to
Navajo Nation
President Begaye last
Thursday. It outlines
EPA and Navajo's
progress on Gold King
Mine, specifically
noting the feedback the
Navajo Attorney
General gave
confirming that the
water in the EPA tanks
met Navajo water
quality standards.
Below is the most
recent press release
specifically addressing
water quality in the
San Juan:
http://www2.epa.gov/gc_update-gold-king-mine-response-san-juan-river-data. And this
last link specifically
addresses water quality
affecting Navajo
Nation:

http://www2.epa.gov/gc_update-gold-king-mine-response-navajo-nation_additional-data-public-records.

FOLLOW-UP:

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covered by "Eagle River"? Does this include the Eagle Mine? Is it only the Eagle Mine, or are there other mines or mills involved? Does it include the entire Eagle River, from Tennessee Pass to the Colorado River, or only a portion of it? 6) -What kind of activities would be put on hold on Leviathan and Iron Mountain? What activities would not (water treatment plants, etc.)? 7)-Same question for the other sites on the list: what's being put on hold? In Colorado, for example, we were told by mayor of Crested Butte (closest town to Standard Mine) that work resumed about 10 days ago....

1) Are you receiving a lot of calls from people in La Plata County, or not just in La Plata, but in general, from homeowners who have sediment in their small waterways and want to

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Gold know how to dispose of it, and if their King water is safe for their gardens, etc? 2) Does the EPA dispose of the sludge, or is that up to those homeowners? How do they dispose of it? 3) Is it the homeowner's responsibility to call in if they have concerns, or did the EPA check in on everyone? 4) Do you respond to each call? What is the protocol for that?

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Response
to Does EPA have a response to Begaye President Russell Begaye's request the state Upper Animas Mining District be listed on the NPL as a Superfund site?

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Peter
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Treatment
at How many mining districts/big mines other could benefit from a wastewater treatment plant similar to the one proposed north of Silverton?

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